

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Double Patenting – Terminal Disclaimer

Claims 31-52 are pending in this application. Claims 31-45 and 49-52 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being obvious over claims 1-11 and 24 of U.S. patent 6,657,891. Enclosed to overcome this rejection is a terminal disclaimer. Claims 46-48 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. In view of the enclosed terminal disclaimer, applicant submits that claims 46-48 are now allowable.

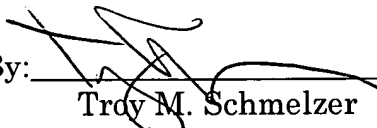
Conclusion

This application is now believed to be in form for allowance. The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve any issues that remain after entry of this amendment. Any fees due in connection with this response, including the statutory fee for a terminal disclaimer, may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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